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Title: DEVICE FOR PRODUCING AN EXTREME ULTRAVIOLET  
AND SOFT X-RAYS FROM A GASEOUS DISCHARGE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the specification and claims, as amended by way of Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report for PCT/EP00/06080, prior to the examination of the application during the U.S. National Phase.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 1-14 as follows:

1. (AMENDED) A device for generating extreme ultraviolet and soft x-rays from a gas discharge, operated on the left-hand branch of the Paschen curve, comprising:

two main electrodes, between which there is a gas-filled space, wherein each of said two main electrodes exhibits an opening, defining an axis of